I received an email last night from our sister school Hunters Hill Principal, with the following information and photos about a painting that was made here last year and sent to the Hunters Hill fete as a fundraiser. It was purchased by Joe Hockey and his family and as you can see below is now hanging with pride in his residence in America.

“It is in the Residence of the Australian Ambassador to the United States. It is located at the entranceway, situated on the desk where visitors to the Residence sign the guest book. The Residence is used for functions and meetings ranging from 2 to 150 people, as well as being the home to the Ambassador and his family. I’m so pleased we have this piece!”

Have a great week,
Natalie Hopcroft
Principal.

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**Purpose Statement**

Wentworth Public School prepares our students for a successful future by providing quality educational opportunities for all, which encourage life-long learning. We emphasize strong reading, writing and math skills, the learning of new things, getting along with others, having fun and following school values.
### This Week’s Newsletter

**Attachments**
- Receipts
- Update of Student information form

### Graduate Profile

When I leave Wentworth Public School, I want to love to learn new things and be able to complete reading, writing and numeracy tasks confidently. I want to be respectful of myself and others and have good communication skills.
**BARRIER TRIALS**

Last Friday we had 10 children travel to Broken Hill to trial for the Barrier netball team and AFL team. Congratulations to Holly Bysouth for being selecting in the netball team and Thomas Stokes for being chosen in the AFL team. Dylan Wellard was also chosen as an emergency in the AFL team. Holly will be travelling to Albury and Thomas to Nelson Bay to compete in the NSWPSSA State tournaments later this semester. Well done!

**BARRIER SWIMMING CARNIVAL**

Last Thursday, six Wentworth students competed in the Barrier Swimming Carnival. All students enjoyed the experience and represented Wentworth proudly. Well done to all!

**MURRAY DARLING SWIMMING CARNIVAL**

This Friday twenty eight students are off to the Murray Darling Swimming Carnival. We are hosting the carnival at Dareton Pool this year and our P&C will be cooking a yummy BBQ. Below is the menu of what will be available:

- *Steak Sandwich plain or with coleslaw $5
- *Sausage in bread plain or with coleslaw or onion $2
- *Chicken burgers in bread with choice of cheese/Tomato/lettuce or coleslaw $5

**NO PRE ORDERS**

Wishing all students the best of luck and have fun! Go Wentworth!!

Jordana Shields
Carnival Coordinator

**GREAT STUDENT COMMUNITY NEWS**

Congratulations to Michael and Jasmine McDermott who travelled to Melbourne on the weekend and represented Sunraysia in Swimming.

Please note: We love hearing stories about our students doing well in their out of school events. If you have some information you would like us to put in the newsletter just write it down and send it to the office.

**STUDENT INFORMATION FORM**

Attached to this week's newsletter is a Student Information form for student details to be updated please fill in and return to the front office.
**SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS**

School Photographs will be taken on **Wednesday, 23rd March**.

- Children who received a newsletter (eldest in the family) should have received the following:
- An envelope for each sibling

And if it applies to them

The following envelopes are available from the front office:

- Family photo envelope (for students attending this school only)
- School Captains, Vice Captains, Prefects & Sports Captains photos envelope

The school **does not** open these envelopes so please ensure that you have the correct money in them or have enclosed a cheque written out to ‘msp photography’.

Envelopes should be returned to the school by **Tuesday 22nd March**.

We will hand them to photographers on **Wednesday** morning

Available from the school office for $10 each

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**WENTWORTH COMMUNITY TRANSPORT**

**WEEKLY THURSDAY TOWN LOOP** commenced Thursday 14th January 2016.

First pick up starts at 8.45am and last drop off starts at 4pm.

The service aims to provide transport to Wentworth, Curlwaa, Dareton and Namatjira Ave residents who need transport for shopping, appointments, visiting or social activities in these towns.

Passengers can travel between Wentworth, Curlwaa, Dareton and Namatjira Ave.

Please ring us and book your seat so we can plan our routes to best cater for your transport needs.

**Phone:** 50 277125

The cost of the transport is $2 each way.

_Wentworth Community Transport part of the Carewest Organisation_

Jenny.Gledhill@cw.org.au

Fiona.Rowe@cw.org.au

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**HELP RAISE MONEY FOR YOUR SCHOOL’S P&C**

By banking locally with your Wentworth & District Community Bank.

We will give back to your school 5% of total banked each Term.

We will pick up banking every Wednesday morning and return it the following day.

For new accounts please see Janet at the Office for an application form.
SCHOOL FEES
The P&C elected to increase the school fees in 2016.
For each Primary child the fee is $100 per year;
The break down of these fees are as follows:
Kitchen Garden and Music $60 and School Voluntary fees $40.
Kindergarten to Year 2 is $50 per year;
The break down of these fees are as follows:
Kitchen Garden and Music $10 and School Voluntary fees $40.
If a family has more than two children the fee is capped at $250 per year.
These fees are due now but can be paid off throughout the year if needed.
The Kitchen Garden fee is to go towards the costs of running the program, not just for the food each cooking session.

TENNIS
Wentworth Junior Tennis practice will commence the 2016 season on Friday 4th March. No experience necessary, free coaching given to beginners. To be eligible for junior tennis at Wentworth children must turn 8 by 31 December 2016 and no older then 17.
Practice is from 4.00pm to 5.30pm. Pennant tennis is played on Saturday mornings and the season commences on May 7. Annual membership is only $30.00, payable after season has commenced.
For more information contact Cheryl Vines on 50276286 or 0428522969.
Twilight tennis for senior players will also commence on Friday 4th March at 6pm. $5 per person (includes tennis and BBQ).
For further information contact Fiona Howard 0428276322.
CANTEEN NEWS

CANTEEN VOLUNTEER NEEDED THIS FRIDAY

Are you free this Friday? I need a volunteer to help Ros out at the canteen. With a big number of kids at the Murray Darling Swimming Carnival it will be a quiet day in the canteen. So if you could help warm up some pies & pasties and bag some nuggets, it would be greatly appreciated.

Please contact kathryn-baird1@bigpond.com or 040 784 7717 if you can help out.

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KINDER G NEWS

Hello everyone!

It has been a very busy week for us in KG! Thank you to everyone who has attended (or will be attending) our class goal setting interviews. It has been great to get to know everyone a little better and work together to create some personal goals. We will be looking at these goals every Friday, and having a look at the different ways we can achieve these.

We have been learning all about responsibility, especially about what we are responsible for at home. The students have told me all about how they look after their pets so we have decided to make some class pet fish (made of paper) which will soon be up on our back wall.

Just a reminder that we have library every Monday. The school library has some amazing books so please remind your child to bring their library bag. We have begun some painting in class so it would be great if every child could bring in an old shirt or art smock as soon as possible. I have also provided the News/Show and Tell timetable below as there have been a few changes.

I will be at training again on Wednesday (2/03) where I will be learning even more about new things to introduce to our class. Since my last training day, we have been doing some fantastic writing in class together and have begun learning new words. I am looking forward to learning more ways to support your child, and help them achieve their goals!

Thanks again for a great week!

Emma Gulliford

K/1B NEWS

Hello Everyone,

Welcome to the first week of Autumn. K/1 B are anxiously waiting for some cooler weather to arrive.

It has been great catching up with some of my K/1 B families so far this week at our goal setting interviews. The children love seeing you be a part of their learning journey and together we can help your child achieve to their highest ability. Thank you to those who have already been and I look forward to catching up with the rest of you as the week progresses. Remember to please contact the office if you are unable to keep your appointment.

This week we joined with KG to undertake our first shared experience; Popping Candy. A shared experience is an activity we all take part in and through discussion we build our vocabulary of words related to that event. We also learn to use these words to plan some of our writing.

Reminders:
• Stomp workshop notes and money due this Friday, 4th March.
• School photo notes and money due Tuesday, 22nd March.

Keep smiling!

Leanne Byrnes
YEAR 1/2R

It's been a busy week again in our classroom. The Year 2 students have started using the Lexia Core Reading program that focuses on 5 specific areas to assist with both reading and spelling and the Year 1 students have been participating in a Language based program to support their reading and spelling skills at the same time. The students seem to be really enjoying the different style of learning, which is wonderful to see. For those students wishing to use Lexia at home, they can download the App which is Lexia Reading Core 5 (UK version) from the Apple App store or use their home computers. If you want your child to work on the program at home, please contact me or talk to me about it during our Goal Setting Interviews as you will need more details.

The STOMP dance workshop will run all week at the school next week. It has been in the newsletter and a note has gone home. Please ensure that your notes are in by the end of the week to ensure we are able to host this amazing event.

The Goal Setting interviews have been running this week and it has been wonderful catching up with parents and their amazing children. Thank you to everyone for filling in their Personal Learning Plans prior to the interviews, I have learned a great deal about some of my new students in particular. I am looking forward to catching up with the remaining families in the next few days.

Reminders:

* Homereaders are due on Tuesdays and Thursdays- some children are very close to 25 nights, which is amazing.
* Notes and money for STOMP dance workshop by Friday.
* Fruit donations for fruit break are always appreciated.
* Library borrowing is on Tuesdays. Please bring a library bag so that you can take home a book.

Have a wonderful week

Cheers

Natalie Rees

YEAR 1/2S CLASS NEWS

This week we have started our parent/teacher interviews. If you have not already booked a time please contact Janet at the office. Don't forget to complete the Personal Learning Plan and bring it along to the interview. I look forward to meeting up with you all!

This Friday I will be out of school attending the Murray Darling Carnival. 1/2S will be divided among the infants class. Due to my absence the children will receive extra readers Thursday. Sorry for any inconvenience.

Unfortunately due to the hot weather we have been unable to have our Family Night. Mrs Hopcroft will keep an eye on the weather forecast and we shall reschedule it when the weather is cooler.

A few reminders:

# Library on Mondays with Mrs Farley.
# Readers are checked and changed every day.
# Any fruit or veg donations are greatly appreciated.
# Note and money for STOMP workshop by Friday.

Hope you all have a super week.

Jordana Shields
MISS POMROY’S NEWS
It was great to start the week with goal setting interviews. I look forward to the remaining meetings. Today our class worked with Mrs Halls’ class to complete the first shared experience for the year using popping candy. We had a wonderful time working with the Year 6 students and will continue to work together for the next week or so.

The ‘Stomp’ dance workshops will begin next week. It is very important that all students return both their notes and money ASAP in order to be included in the workshops. It is an expectation that all students will take part in the experience and perform a dance at the end of the week.

A huge pat on the back goes to all of the students for actively participating in daily Morning Fitness. We have been increasing our fitness levels and the student’s have been recording their results in their fitness log.

Reminders:
- Daily Reading Data entries in diary.
- Diaries checked on Friday.
- Fruit donations for Crunch and Sip.
- Water bottles.
- Library books can be changed every Monday.
- To borrow a library book students must have a library bag.
- Donations of old magazines, catalogues, brochures and clear plastic drink bottles.

Keep smiling,
Yvette Pomroy

MISS SUCKLING’S NEWS
Thank you too all the parents I have already seen this week for the Goal Setting Interviews. I look forward to seeing the remaining parents/carers in the coming week.

Tomorrow our class will be joining Miss Marzie’s and 1/2R to undertake their first ‘Whole School Shared Experience’. We encourage you to discuss with your child/children what occurs and the language that was used.

I will collect diaries on Thursday this week as I will be away this Friday. The class will have a casual on Friday so class will be as normal.

Reminders:
- Stomp Dance Group – here for the whole of next week.
- School Photo envelopes and money.
- Daily Reading Data entries in diary.
- Diaries checked this Thursday due to PSSA Swimming Carnival.
- Fruit donations for Crunch and Sip.
- Art smocks & water bottles.
- Library books can be changed every Monday morning as well as Tuesday and Thursday.

Thank you
Chloe Suckling
MISS MARZIE'S CLASS NEWS

Thank you to those families who I have already held a Goal Setting Interview with this week. I look forward to the remaining meetings.

Congratulations to a number of class/school members who travelled to Broken Hill last week to participate in either or both of the Barrier Swimming and basketball/AFL trials. From all accounts the students conducted themselves in a positive sportsmanship manner.

Tomorrow the class will be joined by Ms Sucklings and 1/2R to undertake their first ‘Whole School Shared Experience’. We encourage you to discuss with your child/children what occurs and the language that was used.

On Friday I will be attending the PSSA Swimming Carnival with Miss Shields and Mrs Halls, as well as the swimmers. The remainder of our class will join with Mrs Halls remainders and have Mrs Farnsworth for the day.

Reminders:
⇒ Stomp Dance Group – here for the whole of next week.
⇒ Any outstanding baby photos.
⇒ School Photo envelopes and money.
⇒ Daily Reading Data entries in diary.
⇒ Diaries checked this Thursday due to PSSA Swimming Carnival.
⇒ Fruit donations for Crunch and Sip.
⇒ Art smocks & water bottles.
⇒ Library books can be changed every Tuesday and Thursday.

Cheers,
Sandra Marziano

YEAR 6H NEWS

It has been a busy week with the beginning of goal setting interviews. I have sent out time allocations for anyone who did not return a note to set a time for our meeting. If these times are not convenient please contact me through the schools phone number 50273146.

Today our class worked with Miss Pomroy’s class to complete a shared experience using popping candy. It was great to work with the students in Miss Pomroy’s class and the work will continue for the next week or so. Tomorrow we will be working with Miss Marzie’s class during an art video conference about designing an Australian Flag.

Next week the whole school will be involved in the ’Stomp’ dance workshop. It is very important that all students return both their notes and money ASAP in order to be included in the workshops. It is an expectation that all students will take part in the experience.

Reminders
• Stomp notes and money need to be returned.
• Canberra notes and deposit due.
• I am looking for volunteers for our next Kitchen session on Thursday the 10th of March.
• Fruit and Veg donations for 'Crunch N Sip”.

Have a great week everyone.

Jenny Halls
YEAR 4/5 EXCURSION

This year the Year 4/5 excursion will be to Swan Hill. At this stage the dates are 21st September to 23rd September (Week 10, Term 3).

This trip will provide the students with a range of educational experiences that cannot occur in the classroom. The students will be visiting the Pioneer Settlement Museum (including education programmes) and taking a river cruise on the PS Pyap.

Please keep an eye out for more information in future newsletters.

Sandra Marziano

Achievement Certificates

These achievement certificates were presented to students for 'Encouraging Others' at school.

KG: Jakobi Kennedy & Lawrence Hall

K/B: Emily Crombie & Jess Doidge

1/2S: Isaiah Dwyer & Maddy Heywood

1/2R: Nicholas Witte & Kirra Janson

Miss Pomroys' Class: Steven Clark & Briley Etrich

Miss Sucklings' Class: Seth Wilson & Ethan Anderson

Miss Marzies' Class: Drew Thompson & Hamish Baird

Mrs Halls' Class: Callan McInnes & Jemma Clifford
What do you like about living in the country?

Lachlan Robertson: Playing in trees.

Isabelle Sparrow: Absent

Sam Watters-Behsmann: Playing at the junction.

Noel Doidge: Not much noise.

Jakohda Halland-Wiesner: The rivers.

Alexa Sloan: Being near the river.

Jasmine McDermott: Nice and quiet.

Andreana Rees-Cook: No smog from factories.